

## General Assembly

## Substitute Bill No. 1250

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## AN ACT CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR CONCEALING INFORMATION RELATED TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND SELF-INSURANCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 31-288 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
- 3 *October 1, 2005*):
- 4 (g) (1) Any employer who, with the intent to injure, defraud or
- 5 deceive any insurance company insuring the liability of such employer
- 6 under this chapter, [(1)] (A) knowingly misrepresents to such company
- 7 one or more employees as independent contractors, or [(2)] (B)
- 8 knowingly provides false, incomplete or misleading information to
- 9 such company concerning the number of employees or the job
- 10 <u>classification of an employee</u>, for the purpose of paying a lower
- 11 premium on a policy obtained from such company, shall be guilty of a
- 12 class D felony. The insurance company of any employer known to the
- insurance company to be in violation of this subdivision shall report
- 14 such known violation to the chairman of the Workers' Compensation
- 15 <u>Commission and the Chief State's Attorney.</u>
- 16 (2) Any employer who, with the intent to reduce the amount of
- 17 security required to obtain or maintain a certificate of self-insurance
- 18 under this chapter, (A) knowingly misrepresents, to the chairman of

- 19 the Workers' Compensation Commission or the Insurance
- 20 Commissioner, one or more employees as independent contractors, or
- 21 (B) knowingly provides false, incomplete or misleading information to
- 22 the chairman or the commissioner concerning the number of
- 23 employees or the job classification of an employee, shall be guilty of a
- 24 class D felony.
- 25 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 31-290d of the general statutes is
- 26 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 27 1, 2005):

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28 (b) The workers' compensation fraud unit shall submit a quarterly 29 report detailing its activities to the chairman and the Advisory Board 30 of the Workers' Compensation Commission and to the Insurance 31 Commissioner. On or before December 1, 2005, and annually 32 thereafter, the workers' compensation fraud unit shall submit a report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having 33 34 cognizance of matters relating to insurance and labor about employer 35 and employee workers' compensation fraud. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the number of investigations, arrests, referrals, 36 37 and prosecutions relating to such fraud, and recommendations for 38 improving compliance with provisions of this chapter pertaining to 39 claims for benefits, receipt or payment of benefits, or the insurance or

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	31-288(g)
Sec. 2	Iuly 1. 2005	31-290d(b)

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self-insurance of liability.